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Prehistoric Man in Hardin County?

BLAND CAVE

By Perry Hagan

A recent presentation by Elizabethtown attorney John W. Bland to the Hardin County Historical Society is the impetus for this report on the history of Bland Cave. At this meeting Bland shared his knowledge of the Cave's exploration during the period it was owned by his father, Bill Bland of Sonora. He also displayed a portion of the Bland family Indian artifact collection taken from within and around the Cave. The abundance and variety of archaeological material associated with this site is what makes it significant, not only locally but regionally, in the field of pre-history. The Cave has a long history of exploration by both trained and amateur archaeologists.

Bland Cave is situated in a depression of farmland near the Nolin River, approximately seven miles west of Sonora in southern Hardin County, Kentucky. This is in a region known locally as Akers Valley. Unlike Mammoth Cave in Edmonson County, which is famed for its immense size and fantastic natural formations, Bland Cave owes its recognition to the inhabitants who left their artifactual and physical remains.

Bland Cave is listed on the Survey of Historic Sites in Kentucky. The site designation 15 HD 41 has been given to the Cave by the University of Kentucky Department of Anthropology, which is the organization that recorded the site.

In an Archaeological Survey Report, "A Reconnaissance and Evaluation of Archaeological Sites in Hardin County, Kentucky, Number 5," prepared by the Kentucky Heritage Commission, Jason Fenwick is credited with extensive field work carried out at Bland Cave. His work revealed that the Cave had cultural deposits spanning the Paleo-Indian Tradition or Era, the Archaic, and the Woodland Periods. The Paleo-Indian Period is presently the oldest dated era in the New World. It ranges from approximately 10,000 to 15,000 years before the present and it is estimated that it could extend possibly 40,000 years. Artifacts from the Archaic Period make up the bulk of the Cave's deposits and it was most likely the longest occupation phase. It is 10,000 - 30,000 B. P. approximately.

Those who have become involved with the exploration of the Cave are numerous. That exploration has most often been in the form of digging. My earliest recorded account of excavation in the Cave is from a newspaper article given to me some years back, taken from The Louisville Times dated June 2, 1914. It details the activities of Edward M. Ray, a science teacher at Louisville Male High School.

The interest and wonder in his activities was typical of the times, and the headlines and theories were humorous due to the fact that anthropology was an "emerging" science at that time. Alice Hoffman, writer of the article, reports, "Ancient stronghold invaded by science teacher

Edward M. Ray yields artifacts and skeletal remains of Kentucky's troglodytes." Ray thought that this spot was richer in historic deposits than any other place in the state. He devoted part of every summer vacation to the back-breaking labor of excavation and had done so for thirteen years prior to 1941. Hoffman notes with the exception of one of Ray's scientific friends, he was the only person who had worked the cave's deposits to that point. Her early description of the Cave mentions eight-inch stalagmites on top of the Cave's "treasures," ash deposits twelve feet deep under the "dome" of the Cave, a small stream running through the Cave, and limestone walls. The Cave is located in the heart of one of the best flint regions in the United States, which provided ample raw material for the manufacture of many of the implements. Artifacts found in the Cave were primarily made of stone, flint, bone, antler, and shell. Among the large assortment of artifacts identified were knives, spear points, projectile points, pestles, Celts axes, pipes, shell spoons, needles, awls, hoes, scrapers, drills, ceremonial and ornamental items, etc. Bones of many different animals have been found, including deer, bears, buffaloes, raccoons, beavers, muskrats, wolves, foxes, rabbits, groundhogs, wild turkeys, prairie chickens, geese, and songbirds.

Two human skulls and three jawbones were also found by this time.

Charlie Bland, farmer and then-owner of the Cave, was a frequent visitor with Ray. Bland's grandson John gave me a newspaper article which provided information on the second extensive effort to unlock the Cave's mysteries. This article was written by George Wright and appeared in the Hardin County Enterprise of July 31, 1958. John's father Bill did a great deal of digging of his own during this period and the Bland collection was increased as his discoveries were made. This newspaper article describes the Cave as having an entrance some fifty feet wide, and the Cave running more than three miles under ground and having a year-round temperature of about 55 degrees Fahrenheit. The Cave faces in an easterly direction.

Edward Ray was also prominently mentioned in the article, and Roger Leatherman was identified as being the "other" archaeological enthusiast. Both had connections with the University of Michigan at that time (1958). Ray also had a local connection: his wife was the former Jo Anna Mason of near Sonora. A number of prominent archaeologists, including a man from the Smithsonian Institute in Washington, are said to have visited the Cave. A handful of amateur explorers also were frequent visitors with Bland's permission. When the scientific importance was realized, access to the Cave was restricted. At least one Carbon 14 dating test was taken from a sample of carbon found eighteen inches deep in the floor of the Cave. It tested 3,000 years old.

The Cave's third major exploration took place in recent time by amateur archaeologists from Campbellsville, Kentucky. Two individuals leased the Cave from present owner Randall Logsdon. Milton Williams and Don Bishop were given access to the Cave in the 1970's and 1980's. At this time the Cave entrance was enlarged so that dirt and large rocks could be mechanically removed. A long succession of anonymous adventurous individuals have also been among the Cave's visitors since its discovery.

Entry into the Cave, of course, should not be made without approval and permission of the owner, and is not endorsed by my writing of its history.

It is my hope that the collections of artifacts can be preserved and remain in our area for local knowledge, history and appreciation. It is also my wish that at some point portions of the Cave will be professionally studied and excavated to reveal the full story of Hardin County's earliest inhabitants. My thanks to those who have given me information about the Cave. Special thanks to Mrs. Bill Bland for letting me look over the family collection years ago, and of course to John Bland for renewing my interest in the Cave and sharing a first-hand account for the Historical Society.

SOME ABANDONED CUSTOMS AND FACETS OF LIFE IN ELIZABETHTOWN

By William H. Marriott

(The Elizabethtown News, January 4, 1972)

For many years there was a sulphur well adjacent to the L. & N. Turnpike at Claysville. It was located on the property of Mr. John Woelpert a mile from the Courthouse.

The pump was bought and maintained by an informal popular subscription. The water was free to anyone who wanted it. Many Elizabethtown persons were devotees of the well. One was Mr. Charles Sommers, who with a tin cup dangling from one of his hips, could be seen walking from the News office to the well. Another faithful patron was Judge Hobson, who walked every day from his summer home.

In the summer months Protestant congregations joined in union services every Sunday evening. The location of the services and the ministers who conducted them were alternated.

Before there were many telephones in Elizabethtown, witnesses and jurors were summoned to the Hardin Circuit Court by the sheriff or deputy standing atop the Courthouse porch where he called the names in a loud voice. Now the din of traffic is so great that persons walking side by side have difficulty in hearing each other.

When a revival was in progress other churches gave way to it by calling off many of their own services. One of the large revivals was conducted in a tent by Rev. Burke Culpeper on the site of the business home of Dixon, Atwood & Adkins and several adjacent lots. Another large tent revival was held by Rev. Mordecai Ham, an evangelist, and Dr. D. B. Towner, song leader. The tent was located on North Mulberry street about two blocks from Dixie avenue. In later years Reverend Ham acquired a national reputation as an evangelist.

Until about twenty years ago, no matter what the weather or the day of the week, Christmas business was biggest on Christmas Eve. Then it moved up to the Saturday before Christmas and now it may be the day after Thanksgiving.

Elizabethtown had no fire siren but two large fire bells which sent their terrifying sound far into the day or night. One was located on Helm avenue near Dixie avenue and the other near Jenkins-Essex Co. Also, it seemed half the population rushed to the scene of the fire, no matter how trivial it was.

Mr. R. B. Park owned and operated a large mule barn on the corner of South Mulberry and Helm streets. He also dealt extensively in mules, buying and selling many car loads during a season. He shipped them to Atlanta and sold them on the winter market there. When he would get a car load, he had them shipped first to Elizabethtown and would feed them at his barn. When a shipment was received here over the L. & N., the mules would be driven on Main Cross street (now Dixie avenue) to Mulberry and thence to his barn. The mules would be loose on the street until they reached the barn. The amazing thing is that I never heard of anybody being injured by them.

For many years the U. S. Department of Agriculture distributed flower and garden seed free to the people. The distribution was made through congressmen. As long as the Hon. D. H. Smith of Hodgenville was congressman from this district, the distribution for Hardin County was made through the News office. A large mail sack full of seed was in the front office where farmers and gardeners called for them until the supply was exhausted.

St. James School, housed in an old building at the corner of Poplar and Miles, had a small enrollment years ago. It was conducted by Sisters of Loretto, of whom two of the most popular and esteemed were Sister Agnita and Sister Gabriel. Graduation exercises were known as "Exhibitions." The stage was a large porch at the side of the building and the audience sat in chairs on the grass.

The firm of Watkins, Carrithers & Co. fed several hundred cattle annually at the farm of Mr. Taylor Watkins three miles from town on the St. John Road. Then the cattle would be stopped at Athertonville Distillery to make them ready for the market. They were driven through the Main Street of Elizabethtown from the farm to the distillery, traveling at a snail's pace. It was a sight to behold.

In less pretentious days, the ice cream social was a popular form of entertainment, often being held in private homes. I remember one at the home of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Bush for the benefit of the United Daughters of the Confederacy. Mr. Bush was a Confederate veteran and Mrs. Bush was president of the Ben Hardin Helm chapter here.

Often when a man bought a new car, he would take members of his family and close friends for the first ride in it. It was a sort of ceremony.

(William Marriott - "Mr. Billy" to his many friends - was born in Elizabethtown in 1891. He began writing for The Elizabethtown News while he was still in school and in 1937 succeeded his uncle, H. A. Sommers, as editor of the paper.)

BURLEY TOBACCO GROWERS' COOPERATIVE ASSN.

(NOTE: The following article appeared in an Elizabethtown newspaper sometime in 1923.)

The Burley Tobacco Growers' Cooperative Assn. was organized in the light Burley district, and operated the warehouse in Elizabethtown, in 1921. The Assn. took over the

immense warehouse that had been erected by the citizens of this town and county to handle the tobacco crop.

The years preceding 1921 were years of hardship for the tobacco growers. There were no uniform standards of grading, no cooperation in marketing and consequently no uniform prices. In 1919 an attempt had been made by the citizens to correct the conditions that threatened to destroy the tobacco industry in Hardin county. Seventy-five citizens of the county organized The Farmers' Loose Leaf Tobacco Warehouse Co., with the following incorporators: Neff Jenkins, F. G. Corley, L. L. Kennedy, Taylor Watkins, D. W. Rider, M. H. Gabbert and O. T. Trent. A splendid warehouse costing \$55,000 was erected. That fall 1,259,973 pounds of tobacco was marketed through this warehouse.

The year 1920 showed a gross of 1,250,000 pounds for Elizabethtown and about the same quantity for Vine Grove, or a total for the county of approximately 2,500,000 pounds. The market price was about 10 cents per pound.

During the season of 1922, which began on Dec. 11th, the warehouse employed a manager, one bookkeeper with two assistants, a weigher, a prizery foreman, a shipping clerk and about 25 helpers. In addition, one expert grader, detailed from Lexington, and six assistants, grade all the tobacco.

It is estimated that the crop this season (1923) handled through the Elizabethtown warehouse will approximate 1,500,000 pounds, and will bring an average of 20 cents or better. Last season the membership in the pool in the county was about 600. This season it is in excess of 1200. The increased price, which is attributed solely to the organization for cooperative marketing, has reacted as a healthful stimulus on the acreage. It is estimated that this increase is 50 percent.

COUNTY COURT ORDER BOOK A, HARDIN COUNTY, KENTUCKY

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James Dye vs. Peter Minguss, Ison Enlows claims one day's attendance for Plt.

Ordered that Jacob Linder be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road that leads from Jacob Vanmeter's mill to Warren Courthouse, as far along said road as Round Stone, and that all the hands from said Vanmeter's, within three miles from said road as far as Round Stone, do assist the said Jacob Linder in keeping the said road in repair. And that Jas Atterbery be and he is hereby appointed Survey of the said road from Round Stone to the head branch of Dog Creek, and that all the hands from Round Stone, within eight miles from said road as far as the head branch of Dog Creek do assist said James Atterbery in keeping the same in repair. And that John Durbin be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the said road from the head branch of Dog Creek to Green River and all the hands from Dog Creek, within eight miles from said road to Green River Do assist the said John Durbin in keeping the same in repair.

The persons appointed to view a road from Elizabeth

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Town to Breckenridge County line this day made their report in these words, "We Benjamin Shacklett, John Jenkins & James Wilson in Obedience to an order of the Court held in Janr 1802 have proceed to view the way from Elizabeth Town to Breckenridge County line, on a Direct course to the mouth of Sinking Creek, being first sworn have agreed that the road continue in the old road to Hardinsburg to the crossing of Otter Creek and then turn to the right and continue on a straight line to James Wilson's on said Creek, thence to Samuel Gibbens's old place, in the bee Grove, thence on a straight line to Jackey's Grove, leaving Mrs. Ashcraft's to the left, and through said Grove on a straight course to Jacob Shaver's, and thence to intersect the old former road, about three quarters of a mile from said Shavers and follow the same to the proposed place, Different proprietors of Land through which the said road will go is as follows, to wit, James Wilson, Samuel Gibbens, John Jenkins & Benjamin Shacklett, all of whom, are agreed that the said road shall be established as laid off, and we suppose the above mentioned way

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to be the nearest and best way for a road to be opened. Given under our hands & Seals this 10th day of February 1802.

(signed) Benjamin Shacklett, John Jenkins, James Wilson"

On Consideration whereof it is ordered that the road so laid off be & the same is hereby established. And that James Wilson be & he is hereby appointed Survey of the said road from the crossing of Otter Creek to the Bee Knobb and that all hands on Otter Creek & McDowells Grove assist him in opening & keeping the same in repair. And that John Jenkins be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the said road from the Bee knobb to Breckenridge County line and that all the hands living on the Bee knobb, Jackeys Grove, Bulgers Grove, the hill Grove, Buck Grove & on Doe run do assist the said John Jenkins in opening & keeping the same in repair.

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in Course.

(signed) Step. Rawlings

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APRIL 1802

At a County Court began & held for Hardin County on Monday the 26 day of April 1802.

Present Stephen Rawlings, Isom Enlows, William Munford & David Morrison Esquires.

Present George Bell Esqr.

Ordered that Jonathan Paul be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road leading from Elizabeth town to where it intersects the road that leads by Thompson Ashby's to Nolinn and that all the hands that Assisted Joseph Chalfin former Surveyor of said road do assist him in keeping the said road in repair.

Ordered that Isaac Irwin be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road in the room of

Michael Rentch, of the road leading from Elizabeth Town to Bairdstown, and that the same hands assist him in keeping the same in repair that assisted the said Michael Rentch.

On the motion of Frances Howell & Samuel Howell they having made Oath according to law, administration of the estate of Jacob Howell Deceased is granted
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them they having given bond and security with Andrew Rusher their securities in the penalty of L150 conditioned according to law.

Ordered that Richard Walker, Timothy Coe, Thomas Hedspeth & Charles Howell be and they are hereby appointed to appraise the personal estate of Jacob Howell Deceased they being first sworn before a magistrate of this County.

On motion of Stephen Cleaver, one of the commissioners of the estate of Joseph Barnett deceased & for reasons appearing to the Court, It is ordered that he be discharged from being a Commissioner of the said estate in future. And It is further ordered that Aleander Barnett be and he is hereby appointed to act as Commissioner of the said estate in the room of the said Stephen Cleaver.

James Shields ear mark underbit in each ear O. R.

Andrew Burtles ear mark a hole in each ear order to record.

Ordered that Harrison Taylor & Henry Rhoads Comrs of the estate of Joseph Barnet deceased, do call on
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Stephen Cleaver, former Commissioner of the sd estate for settlement, & also to call on him for all money he may have recd & also all papers he may have in his possession, relative to said estate.

Ordered that James Irwin, John Irwin, Barton Roby & Joseph Wortham do assist Isaac Irwin In keeping the road in repair of which he is surveyor.

On the motion of Daniel Waide, who owns land on both sides of the South fork of Nolinn for leave to build a water grist mill, it is ordered that a writ of ad quad damnum issue accordingly as the law directs and that the Sheriff do execute the same on the day of if fair, if not the next fair day, returnable to the next Court.

Ordered that Richard Dougherty, Joseph Smith & Michael Matheny being first sworn before a Magistrate of this County Do view the best way for a road to be opened from the mouth of Cedar Creek on the Rolling fork by Hynes's lick across Otter Creek below where Thomas Enfield lives & so on to join the road in Jackeys Grove, which leads from the mouth of Salt river.
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On the motion of Isom Enlows, Guardian of the Infant Orphans of John Larue deceased & for reasons appearing to the Court, It is ordered that he be discharged from his said Guardianship, & It is further ordered that George Helm be and he is hereby appointed Guardian to Squire Larue & Peggy Larue in Place of the said Isom Enlows, he having entered into bond with Isom Enlows his security in the Penalty of \$10,000 conditioned as the law directs.

Ordered that Margaret Redman widow of Thomas Redman deceased have the use of the house & plantation whereon the said Thomas Redman lived in his lifetime rent free for one year from this Date. Also that Conrod Walters pay unto the said Margaret Redman fifty seven Dollars, being the amount of the hire of a Negroe fellow for one year belonging to the estate of the said Thomas Redman, for the support of four Children, which she now has to maintain for one year.

Ordered that Samuel Haycraft, Samuel Bush & Abraham Locus be and they are hereby appointed to view a road the nearest & best way from some where near the big Spring beyond Mr. Nicholas Brashear's to intersect
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the road at the most convenient place & nearest way to Elizabeth Town in this County, they being first sworn before a Magistrate for the Purpose, and report to Court.

Ordered that John Vanmeter be compelled only to work on the road of which he is Surveyor to John McMahon's meadow in the barrens.

The Court doth appoint Jonathan Joseph Guardian to John Redman, Orphan of Ann Redman Deceased, he having given bond with John Walters his security in the Penalty of L60 conditioned as the

law directs.

On the motion of John Sneed license is granted him to keep a tavern at his Present Dweling house in Elizabeth town, he having given bond with John W. Holt his security conditioned as the law directs.

Ordered that George Watts & Asa Abel do assist Samuel Bush in keeping the road in repair of which he is surveyor.

Ordered that William Munford & John W. Holt be and they are hereby appointed to settle with
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Isom Enlows Guardian to the Orphans of John Larue deceased & make report thereof to the next Court.

Tichenor vs. Brownfield, Magistrates Judgment reversed with Costs, except two Dollars & the Costs which occurred before this appeal.

Tichenor vs. Brownfield, Thomas Logsdon claims one day's attendance for Plt.

Same vs. Same, Armsted Smoot claims the same for the same.

Same vs. Same, Isaac Jones claims the same for the same.

Same vs. Same, John Glenn claims one day's attendance for the deft.

Ordered that Joseph Vertrees do work as far along the road of which he is survey as to John McMahan's meadow in the barrens.

Ordered that Court be adjourned untill Court in Course.

(signed) Step. Rawlings

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MAY TERM, 1802

At a County Court began and held for Hardin county on Monday the 24 day of May 1802.

Present Samuel Rice, George Bell & Jacob Larue, Esquires.

Ordered that John Wesh be and he is hereby appointed Surveyor of the road leading from the mouth of Salt River to Elizabeth town, as far along said road from the mouth of salt river to where Enlows path crosses the said road, and that all the hands do assist him in keeping the said road in repair that assisted Joseph Enlow former Surveyor of said road.

Present Isom Enlows, David Morrison, Samuel Finley & William Ewin Gentlemen.

Ordered that Benjamin Helm Clerk of this Court do make out copies of the delinquents returned by the Sheriff of this County for the year 1800 & send them to the Sheriffs of the several Counties, where they may have removed to.

James Garrard Governor of Kentucky against John Kessinger (on Scire facias) the Scire facias being returned "not Executed" It is ordered that an Alias Scire facias issue returnable to the next Court.
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John Lenvill this day came into Court & claimed a certificate for a settlement of two hundred & seventy three acres of land at the State Price on account of settling & improving the same agreeable to an act of Assembly of this Commonwealth "entitled an act for settling & improving the vacant lands of this Commonwealth" lying on Nolinn adjoining Jacob Larue's 100 acre Survey & Richard Winchester, Beginning at two Poplars being the southeast corner of said Larue 100 acres also corner to said Winchester, running thence along said Winchester's line S 15 E 146 poles to a hickory on arise, thence North 75 E 184 poles to black Oak; thence N 15 W 251 poles to a hickory & black Oak, thence South 75 W 146 poles to a Sassfras & plumb bush, near a branch corner to said Larue's 100 acres, thence with a line of the same, South 15 E 50 poles to a white oak & hickory thence South 75 W 30 poles to a stake, thence South 15 E 58 poles to the beginning. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court they are of opinion that the said John Lenvill is entitled to a Certificate agreeably to the above location.
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The Court proceeded to rate the several Tavern keepers in this County as follows, To wit,

Whiskey per half pint	0 L 0 S 9 D
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Peech Brandy per Ditto	0 1 0
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French Ditto per Ditto	0	3	0
Wine per Quart	0	9	0
Cyder or Beer per Ditto	0	0	9
Warm breakfast or supper	0	1	3
Cold Ditto	0	1	0
Dinner	0	1	6
Grain per Gallon	0	0	9
hay & Stablage per twelve hours	0	1	0
Pastrage per Ditto	0	0	6
Lodging per night	0	0	6

Ordered that the several Tavern Keepers in this County do not exceed the foregoing rates.

Ordered that Benjamin Wright & Jessee Morrison be recommended to his Excellency James Garrard Governor of Kentucky as fit persons to fill the office of Coroner of this County.

On the motion of John Vertrees it is ordered that the Commissioners appointed by this Court for dividing & conveying lands held in partnership between non residence & Citizens of this Commonwealth do equally divide according to quantity and quality the tracts of land following, to wit, 600 acres entered (Page 344)

in the names of John May, John Bannister, Kenon Jones, Thos. Shore & Christopher McCollico lying in this county on the waters of Rough Creek and 300 acres joining John Vertrees's 255 acre Survey. Also two tracts of 1300 acres each, in the names of the said John May, John Bannister, Kenon Jones & Christopher McCollico & Thomas Shore on the same waters the one adjoining the aforesaid 255 acre survey, on the west branch, the other adjoining William May's survey of 300 acres on May Grove on the upper side. Satisfactory proof being made to the Court that the said John Vertrees was locater of the aforesd tracts of land.

Ordered that the ferry keeper at the mouth of Salt River be allowed at the rate of four pence half penny for man & horse & that the ferry keepers who keep ferries across the Rolling fork be allowed at the rate of six pence for the same.

On the motion of Asa Coombs, license is granted him to keep a Tavern at his present Dwelling house in Elizabeth town for the space of one year he having complied with what the law in this case requires.

Ordered that Court be adjourned till Court in course.

(signed) Saml. Rice

ELIZABETHTOWN BOARD OF TRUSTEES MINUTES 1828

January 14th 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town in the Clerks office on the 14th day of January 1828

Present Arthur Park, Armistead H. Churchill, and Samuel Haycraft & John Hill Trustees

James George Clerk of this board reported that he had received three dollars under an order of this board of Brown the Circus Rider

By an agreement of this board Ezekiel H. Coombs was appointed Market Master for One year with a salary of Ten Dollars And the time having expired three Dollars was paid to him by James I George & seven Dollars by Thomas McIntire for which sums they are allowed credits

Ordered that Lloyd Harris be appointed Overseer of the streets of Elizabeth Town & was sworn

Ordered that the Market Master as part of his duty see that the ladders & fire poles be kept constantly in the market house except when used in case of fire & that any person removing them be subjected to a fine of 50 cents for each day they keep them or either of them, recoverable before any Justice of the peace

Ordered that the board adjourn

Arthur Park Predt.

April 29th 1828

At a meeting of the Trustees of Elizabeth Town in the clerks office on the 29th day of April 1828
Present Arthur Park Samuel Haycraft and John Hill Trustees

The board proceeded to settle with Thomas McIntire Collector of the Town for the list of taxes put into his hands for the year 1826

Amount of list of taxes		\$ 31.75
Amount not collected as per Delinquents list this day returned and approved	10.37½	
Commission for Collection of balance	2.13	
Amount paid E. H. Coombs Market Master	7.00	
Amount paid S. Haycraft for bill as Clerk of Hardin Circuit Court	0.71	
Amount paid Andrew Fairleigh on Hezekiah Smallwoods Order as Market Master in full of his claim	27.21½	
Balance due from Collector		4.53

On motion made and seconded the board proceeded to levy the following tax on Elizabeth Town to wit

On each person residing in Town and Owning an improved lot & occupying the same by himself or tenant \$1.00

On each person owning a lot in Town not improved and not residing in Town .75

On each inhabitant of the Town over 21 years of age and not owning a lot .50

Ordered that the Clerk of the board make out a list of persons and property subject to taxation in Elizabeth Town according to the foregoing levy and Report the same to the board on Saturday next

The board proceeded to let out the repairing of the Market house as follows
Post & planked at each end of the house where the post and railing now stands with good cap railing-- hand railing on each side four feet from the wall and to join the post and planking at the extreme end the pavement to be repaired and cleaned out-- roof to be repaired-- A good gate at each end with hasp and staple and first rate padlocks and keys hung on strong hinges-- two inch poplar or oak plank to be placed between the pillars the full width of the walls-- and the brick pillars to be repaired-- to be done in 20 days from this date and John Hill became the purchaser at the sum of Twenty five Dollars Commonwealth Bank paper to be paid so soon after the work is completed as the tax can be collected----

On motion made and seconded Nicholas Tull is appointed Town Collector.

Ordered that the board adjourn until Saturday next

Arthur Park Prt.

Monday 5th May 1828

At a meeting of the board of Trustees of Elizabeth Town on Monday the 5th day of May 1828

Present Arthur Park, Chairman; John Hill and Samuel Haycraft Trustees

The Clerk of the board produced a list of persons and property subject to taxation on the order made at the last meeting--

Ordered that he make out a fair copy thereof and list the same with the Town Collector for immediate Collection--

Ordered that the Market Clerk Advertise and sell the stalls (except three) of the market house until the 15th day of February next to the highest bidder taking bond and security to the trustees for the payment and make report the same to be made so soon as the market house is repaired.

Ordered that the board Adjourn

Arthur Park Pt.

QUERIES

BROWNFIELD, DEVORE, ENLOW, FITZGERALD, HICKS, THOMAS, WILKERSON. Would like to correspond with anyone interested in above names, particularly Hardin & Nelson Co. area 1785--1835. My ancestors with these names went to Crawford Co., IL via Indiana ca 1835. DONNA GOWIN JOHNSTON, 1513 Westridge Terr., Casper, WY 82604-3305

WILLIAMS, SCOTT. Seeking parents of ISAAC WILLIAMS and NANCY SCOTT who md. Feb 15, 1826. Who were their children? PEGGY WALKER, R. #1, Box 20, Ullin, Ill. 62992

BRANDENBURG. Seeking info as to background, date and manner of death of MATHIAS BRANDENBURG. Suspect he was shot to death in Hardin County. GARY KEMPF, PO Box 381, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42702

FRAKES. Chronology of the Frakes Family, about 150 pages, is available for \$40 postpaid from JOE FRAKES, PO Box 64, Crescent City, Fla. 332112, phone (904) 467-3364

CRUSE. Seeking info on PROSSER CRUSE, b. 1 July 1801, KY? Md. SARAH FRANCES FERGUSON. D. 14 Nov 1865, Hammondsville, KY. AUDREY CRUSE LEDESMA, 13877 Pine St., Trona, CA 93562

PEARL, FOWLER, HOSKINS. Seeking info on descendants of JAMES PEARL and MARY DRUZILLA FOWLER, JOHN HOSKINS, ZACHARIAH FOWLER. In Hardin, Bullitt & Nelson Co. ca 1800--1850. ROY BOOKER, 1226 12th St., Rock Island, IL (309) 794-1981

FORT KNOX CEMETERY VISITATION

Relatives and friends may visit family cemeteries at Fort Knox on Memorial Day, May 27, 1996, 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM. Gary Kempf will be at the Patton Museum on Sunday, May 26th, 10 AM - 4 PM with maps, lists, etc., to assist in locating cemeteries and routes of travel.

Also at the Patton Museum on Sunday, Post officials would like to copy documents and photographs relating to the early history of Fort Knox for inclusion in the 1997 Cemetery Report.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone!!! Happy spring of 1996. Isn't it great to be alive, active and able? Well, alive anyway. I got carried away a bit, didn't I?

I really hope you're with us on the 22nd. We have a great meal for you - a good program - and we should have a lot of fun as we continue to promote the historical advantages of Hardin County, Kentucky. Please be seated by 6:30 PM as the meal will be served, buffet style, promptly at 6:30 PM.

We have some new stuff going on and want you to be a part. We'll have several new guests. (Some old, some new.) AND we'll begin our brand new **Student of the Quarter**, as we select an outstanding high school history student from one of our schools. Too, it's been rumored that General George Armstrong Custer and that rascal Phillip Arnold are going to attend this meeting. Come and have fun with us and maybe learn a little bit about your county as well.

We have a lot of work to do, as we have a good selection of Hardin County books to sell. And we must press on with the McClure book publication questions.

CHARLES W. LOGSDON

JANUARY, 1996 MEETING NOTES

At the annual meeting of the Hardin County Historical Society on January 22, 1996, the following officers were elected for a two-year term:

Charles W. Logsdon - President
Jack Kunnecke - Second Vice President

Hold-over officers, whose terms expire in January 1997 are:

Mary Jo Jones - First Vice President
Gary Kempf - Recording Secretary
June Thornberry - Treasurer

BOOKS FOR SALE BY THE SOCIETY

HISTORY OF ELIZABETHTOWN by Samuel Haycraft, Jr. Written in 1869 by the County Clerk, it is interesting and informative. Hardcover. 256pp. \$12.95

WHO WAS WHO IN HARDIN COUNTY This is a compilation of 170 biographical sketches written by descendants of the subjects. Great genealogical source! Soft bound \$12.95.

CHRONICLES OF HARDIN COUNTY by Mrs. T.D. Winstead. Chronological listing of noteworthy dates and events in Hardin County 1776-1974. Hardcover \$5.00

All book orders should be sent to Hardin County Historical Society, P.O. Box 381, Elizabethtown, Ky. 42702. Postage \$2.00 per book.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF NEXT MEETING

The Hardin County Historical Society will meet Monday, April 22, 1996, at 6:30 PM at the Brown-Pusey House.

The program will be presented by Erika Brady, Assistant Professor of Folk Studies at Western Kentucky University, on "For Every Ill, A Cure: Kentucky Folk Medicine, Yesterday and Today." In addition to her talk, Ms. Brady will have a display of folk medicine items. This program is funded in part by the Kentucky Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Dinner will be catered by Stone Hearth Restaurant.

MENU: Fresh Fruit Salad; Country Baked Chicken; Green Beans/New Potatoes, Freshly Prepared Dessert *a la Diane*; Coffee; Tea.

Price \$6.25.

Telephone Gary Kempf (769-3814) or Mary Jo Jones (765-5593) for dinner reservations by April 19th.

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If you have not paid dues for 1996, please remit \$8.00